history reach the children in homoeopathic doses, and only a certain percentage of Jewish children. Still, the "community" has done much to keep alive Jewish consciousness among the 4,500,000 American Jews, widely differing in origin, and to make them act together in important problems affecting Jewish interests in the United States and elsewhere. In this the "community" was powerfully assisted by Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe, which, year by year, brought a fresh current of vigorous Jewish life into America. If thousands of earlier immigrants broke away from Judaism, their places were filled by tens of thousands of new immigrants, firmly rooted in it. Thus the scales were steadily weighted in favour of Jewish tradition.

Now that the stream of immigration, is stopped, and the American Jews are cut off from the East European reserves, the question arises whether communal organization and Jewish religious instruction will suffice to prevent complete assimilation, leading to change of religion and mixed marriages. The Jews born and bred in America now form barely one-half of American Jewry, but in twenty or thirty years they will form an overwhelming majority, and their inclinations will most certainly not be towards Jewish tradition. Mixed marriages and the joining of non-Jewish religious congregations are common among them. Their aim is

not to be good Jews, but good Americans. Accommodation passes into assimilation. Judaism is regarded as an accident of birth, irrelevant to their mode of life.

The American-Jewish assimilation of to-day differs widely from that of the German Jews in the nineteenth century; to-day in America the non-Jews are less interested in spiritual matters than they were in Germany during the Romantic period, when philosophic and literary problems stood in the centre of public life. In America games and amusements now take up the time not devoted to business; and even with the Jews they have attained an importance utterly unknown to traditional Jewry, withitsappreciationforspiritual values.